



SOCIAL WORK INTERN

On My Own of Michigan has received funding from Community Care Corps to build a **paid internship program for underrepresented college students** and are now recruiting two BSW or MSW students to join our team for nine months, starting in January 2023.

ABOUT ON MY OWN OF MICHIGAN

[On My Own of Michigan](#) is a metro Detroit nonprofit dedicated to making independent living possible for people with developmental disabilities.

We were founded in 1997 by parents of young adults with developmental disabilities who were looking for, but could not find, independent living options for their children. After much consideration and planning, our founding families worked together to create the option they had searched so long for: a supportive, inclusive community that allowed their children to live the lives of their dreams.

In 25 years of service to our community, we've helped individuals with autism, Down Syndrome and other cognitive impairments achieve and maintain independence.

A DAY IN THE LIFE AS A SOCIAL WORK INTERN

Our social work interns report to the Independent Living Program Manager and are expected to be trusted, hard-working, passion-driven team members responsible for supporting, teaching, and guiding adults with developmental disabilities to greater independence.

This work includes, but is not limited to:

- providing 1:1 and small group support and training to adults with developmental disabilities to increase their independence and community engagement, and
- conducting assessments to determine baseline abilities and capture skill increases over time.

WHAT YOU WILL GAIN

- hands-on social work experience
- tailored experiences based on your interests
- exposure to community-based and experiential intervention strategies
- a collaborative team to work with and learn from
- experience with a wide array of abilities
- a safe place to develop your social work skills

ABOUT OUR IDEAL CANDIDATE

We're looking for self-starters who are willing to do what it takes to help our members thrive.

Personal Characteristics

Our ideal candidate is:

- ✓ flexible,
- ✓ proactive,
- ✓ reliable,
- ✓ a strong communicator,
- ✓ detail oriented and organized,
- ✓ committed to growth and improvement,
- ✓ comfortable working with a diverse population and engaging in our equity work,
- ✓ knowledgeable about the language of social work, and
- ✓ passionate about helping people with developmental disabilities achieve independence.

Educational and Professional Experience

All candidates must have:

- ✓ junior, senior or graduate-level standing in a college or university social work program
- ✓ a clean background check

Candidates will ideally have:

- ✓ one year of lived or work experience with people with development disabilities

Time Commitment

- our internships are 9 months in length, beginning in January 2023
- our interns work 20 hours per week with most work occurring between the hours of 8 am – 4 pm, though there are some opportunities for night or weekend work if desired and after training is complete

COVID-19 Safety Protocols

All On My Own of Michigan staff must be up-to-date with their COVID-19 vaccinations, including boosters, and adhere to all organizational COVID-19 safety protocols, including wearing masks indoors.

Benefits to Look Forward to

- an hourly wage of \$17/hour

We'd Love to Meet You!

If you're interested in becoming one of our social work interns, please email your interest and resume to Martha Goldberg, Independent Living Program Manager, at martha@onmyownofmi.org.